

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 7 and 8 are independent. All the pending claims stand rejected.

II. The Rejection of Claims 1-9

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Espinor et al. In the statement of the rejection, the Examiner asserted that Espinor et al. discloses a low voltage detection system identically corresponding to what is claimed. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, Examiner Tat's courtesy and professionalism in conducting a telephone interview on May 8, 2006, during which whether Espinor et al. discloses a "library database" was discussed. It is Applicants' understanding that Examiner Tat agreed that Espinor et al. does not disclose the "library database."

In short, Espinor et al. discloses the system configuration of a low voltage detection system, but does not disclose a "library database" including information regarding basic circuits, as recited in independent claims 1, 7 and 8.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Espinor et al. does not anticipate a cell library database in claim 1, a timing verification system comprising a cell library database in claim 7, and a withstand voltage verification system comprising a cell library database in claim 8. Dependent claims 2-6 and 9 are also patentably distinguishable over Espinor et al. at least because they respectively include all the limitations recited in independent claims 1 and 8.

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Applicants, therefore, respectfully solicit withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and favorable consideration thereof.


III. Conclusion

Applicants believe that the imposed rejection has been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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